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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to address the grey areas namely, inadequate training of the Anganwadi women workers, filling of vacancies in the Anganwadies, abuse in Central procuring, non convergence of nutrition and health interventions at Anganwadies (as envisaged in the policy document), persisting in implementation of the Integated Child Development Services scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The steps taken to bring about improvement in implementation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme include, introduction of a country wide innovative and decentralized training programme called 'UDISHA'; impressing upon States to fill up the vacancies of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)/ Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs);decentralization of procurement and supply of medicine kits and pre-school education kits at State level; issue of instruction to State Governments for inter-sectoral convergence with Health Department/functionaries.